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TELE DENSITY IN TH PLAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the tele-density achieved in the country so far and the target set for its improvement during the Tenth Plan, State-wise;

(b) the details of the inaccessible areas of Assam where telephone services are yet to be provided;

(c) the time by which and the manner in which these areas are proposed to be connected;

(d) whether the National Highways within Assam have been fully covered with mobile connectivity as per the National Policy;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the time by which and the manner in which these are likely to be connected?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The 10th Plan (2002-07) target for tele-density fixed was 9.9 and a teledensity of 10.24 has already been achieved as on 30.9.2005 (latest available).

(b) & (c): In Assam, overall 279 inaccessible villages of two hilly districts i.e. Krabi Anglong and N.C. Hills are planned to be provided with Digital Satellite Phone Terminals (DSPTs) by 10th November 2007.

(d) to (g): The National Highways (NH-37, NH-31, NH-39, NH-44, NH-53, NH-54 - upto Lumding) and (NH-52, NH-36, NH-38 - upto Ledo) have been covered with mobile connectivity. It is proposed to cover 90% of all the highways by March 2006 and the remaining 10% patches is proposed to be covered by March 2007.